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Report U.S. Intelligence Chief

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Washington, Sept. 2 (UP)—Maj. Gen. Arthur Gilbert Trudeau said a report by the New York Daily News that President Eisenhower "fired" him as head of the Army's intelligence division is "Greek to me."

The Daily News said in a copyrighted dispatch from Washington that Eisenhower removed Trudeau as assistant chief of staff and head of Army intelligence at the personal request of Allen W. Dulles, boss of the civilian-operated Central Intelligence Agency. "It is largely Greek to me and full of distortions," Trudeau said of the Daily News dispatch. "I think President Eisenhower will be surprised at this one." (At the summer White House in Denver, presidential Press Secretary James Hagerly said there would be no comment on the report.)

The Army recently transferred Trudeau from his Pentagon post and named him deputy chief of staff for operations for the Far East command. He will serve in Korea. Trudeau, presently at nearby Ft. Myer, Va., preparing for his new assignment, said there was nothing unusual about his transfer after serving for about two years in the Pentagon. He acknowledged, however, that there have been "honest differences of opinion" among the government's intelligence agencies.

The Daily News said Dulles had complained in a memorandum to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson that Trudeau, "without consulting the Central Intelligence Agency," had talked with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany last June in "an effort to undermine the confidence of Adenauer" in a secret, CIA-supported underground agency in Germany headed by the mysterious Reinhart Von Gehlen. The News reported that Dulles said in the memo that Trudeau also expressed doubts about the reliability of Gehlen as an individual and the security safeguards of the underground organization. Trudeau refused to confirm or deny he talked with Adenauer.

The News said Dulles originally acted on a complaint by Col. Stanley Grogan, his top administrative assistant in the CIA. It said that Grogan and Trudeau originally tangled in Germany. Trudeau said he is at a loss to know how Grogan could have "come into this thing." He said he and Grogan have been good friends for 20 years but have not seen each other in 1955. Grogan declined to comment on the report. He said CIA follows the policy of never commenting on news items of any kind. A source close to both men over the years said, however, that there had never been any clash between them or hard feeling of any kind that would result in a complaint by Grogan.

The News said President Eisenhower made the decision to fire Trudeau despite the violent, though suppressed, opposition of the Pentagon, from

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